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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-262-C - ORDER NO. 96-715
OCTOBER 15, 1996

IN RE: Petition of American Communications) ORDER
Services, Inc. for Arbitration with)
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the Petition to Intervene filed by the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the "Consumer Advocate"). By and through his Petition, the Consumer Advocate requests permission to intervene in the referenced Arbitration.

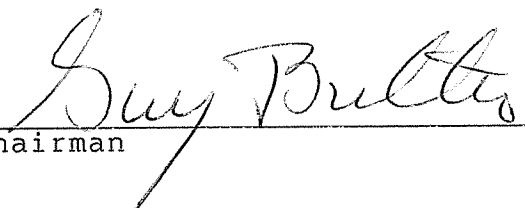
The Commission now considers this Petition and grants the Consumer Advocate permission to observe the Arbitration proceeding. Due to the role of the Consumer Advocate, provided by South Carolina statute, the Consumer Advocate should be and is hereby granted the opportunity to observe the proceeding; file with the Commission by October 28, 1996, a nonbinding list of proposed questions that the Arbitrator may ask of the witnesses during the arbitration; and make opening and closing statements to the Commission during the Arbitration.

We do not grant intervenor status to the Consumer Advocate as requested by his Petition, and, therefore, he is not a party of record.

Additionally, we now establish that the Arbitration proceeding will begin on Monday, November 4, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room at 111 Doctors Circle, Columbia, South Carolina.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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